

PLAN COMMUNITY SERVICE HERE

V. P. RANDALL HERE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMUNITY WORK IN ALMA.

In common with a large number of progressive cities throughout the country Alma is considering the question of forming a Community Service organization for the purpose of developing a city-wide program of community recreation.

Last summer Mr. Alex Anderson, of the National Community Service body, spent his vacation with Alma friends and the expression of interest at that time was such that V. P. Randall, of Detroit, field representative for this part of the country, is now in the city discussing the work with the local leaders. It is expected that a meeting of all those interested will be held at an early date at which time the matter will be fully considered and definite action taken.

The work of the national organization started about twenty years ago when the Playground and Recreation Association was formed. Its work was the promoting of interest in summer playgrounds for children, and the spread of the playground movement in America is due almost entirely to the educational work done by this organization.

During the past few years the great need for more adequate opportunities for recreation for adults as well as for children came to be clearly seen and many playground organizations endeavored to extend their work. This led to the receipt by the national organization of an ever increasing number of requests for information, advice and leadership in the larger field of work and it was forced to expand. Today, Community Service, Incorporated, as it is now called, is rendering valuable aid to hundreds of cities in their work of meeting certain present day needs.

"Contrary to the general impression," said Mr. Randall, in discussing the work, "Community Service in any community is not so much a new organization as it is a getting together of the existing groups to do in a big community way a number of things related to recreation and other leisure time activities. It never proposes that any organization shall give up what it is doing but it does propose that many things which are done in a limited, factional or ineffectual way be done in a more efficient way through the co-operation of all groups interested.

"Holiday celebrations lend themselves especially to co-operative community effort. When the many organizations of a town get together several times in a year to put on a community Christmas tree, a May Day festival, a Thanksgiving service, a community picnic on Labor Day, or any of the many other similar affairs, there is built up a degree of civic unity and good will that can never be developed where these things are done by any one organization no matter how excellent it may be.

"Some real plan of community athletics, not of the professional commercial type that merely promotes spectatorship and conversation, but of the amateur type that promotes active participation on the part of a large number of people in any good sport from tennis to horse shoe pitching, and which provides a place for the least skilled player to take part, is needed in every city. The cost is very little and the value physical and social, is very great.

"But athletics isn't the only kind of recreation. One of the most popular recreational activities in this country today is community singing. When properly handled cities of the type of Alma will have from ten to twenty per cent of the population out every week during the summer to big sings in the parks. These afford opportunities for all local musical organizations of every sort to contribute to the success of the gatherings and the value to the city as a whole is often much greater than is the benefit derived from expensive entertainments. There is also the gain in civic spirit that comes from affairs that are by the people as well as for them.

"Amateur dramatics, in which religious drama plays a large part in many cities, is also of great interest and value from a recreational standpoint. Musical festivals, pageants, story telling and story dramatization programs for children, the development of public forums and debating clubs, the organization of neighborhood recreation centers for adults in public schools, and many other activities having some direct bearing on the question of recreation are promoted in this big community way.

"The national organization simply serves in an advisory capacity, exercising no authority or control over local groups. It supplies trained, experienced workers at cost, and gives free much valuable help representing an outlay of from \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually to each city.

"But the local program rests entirely with the residents of the community and represents the work, not of any one group, but of all groups in co-operation and also of individuals interested in any particular phase of recreational work.

"With its progressive spirit, its interest in worth while things and its fine leadership Alma should be able to develop a program that will add materially to its already excellent reputation."

JUST KIDS— Next

By Ad Carter



Local News

M. A. Medler made a business trip to Flint Tuesday.

Mrs. Effie Epler was in Saginaw on business Friday.

John Wright of Detroit called on friends here Tuesday.

Miss May Edwards of Durand is visiting relatives here.

W. W. Cushing is attending the fair at Fowlerville this week.

Mrs. Beulah Walker of Belding is visiting friends here this week.

Charles Wilhelm of Saginaw spent Tuesday evening here with friends.

W. A. Borton and Charles H. Goggin were in Ionia Monday on business.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers.—advertisement.

J. D. Helman was in St. Louis, Breckenridge and Wheeler on business Tuesday.

Watch for the Presbyterian Rummage sale. Date will be given soon.—advertisement.

Mrs. Ralph Wheaton left Tuesday morning for Detroit for a short visit with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Babcock left Tuesday to spend a week with friends at Harbor Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Michael entertained his brother and her sister from Ohio the past week.

Earl Winters suffered a fracture of his right wrist Monday evening when cranking his Ford.

Otto Isenhardt and family of Hastings spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C. Flewelling, in Alma.

Albert Beggsman, who recently accepted a position in Lansing, has moved his family to that city.

There will be a regular meeting of Alma Chapter, No. 43, O. E. S., Friday evening, Oct. 7, at 7:30 sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood of Newark were visitors at the home of Mrs. Frank Clow over the week end.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones.—advertisement.

The General Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold its regular business meeting on Tuesday, October 10.

Mrs. Ethel Lewis of Saginaw was called home Wednesday morning by the death of her mother, Mrs. B. F. Smith.

The Woman's Club will hold its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Crooks on Monday, October 9th, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall spent Sunday in Grand Haven visiting their daughter, Ann, who is there attending school.

Miss Sara Broderick of Ithaca, the democratic candidate for register of deeds of Gratiot county, was an Alma visitor Tuesday.

Miss Mary Dickerson went to Lansing Tuesday to hear Sousa's band which appeared there in the afternoon and evening.

Have you found that smart and inexpensive hat you were looking for? Try the Elite Style Shop over the Wright Furniture Store.—advertisement.—71-2w

Complete figures on the fall enrollment at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, show an increase in enrollment of eleven per cent over last year and thirty-three per cent over the fall of 1920, according to the Register, C. R. Compton. Among the 788 students registered for the fall term is Frank Notestein of Alma, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rule and son, Lyman, with Mrs. Lodemia Sheldler left Friday morning for Galion, Ohio, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rule's uncle, Col. Robert Cowden, who was run over and killed by a Ford truck in Dayton, Ohio, last Wednesday. Mr. Cowden, who was 89 years of age, was a veteran Sunday school man and National Chaplain of the Gideons.

Mrs. V. H. Shepard is in Grand Rapids attending the fourteenth annual meeting of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association held jointly with the Michigan Trudeau Medical Society and the Kent County Medical Society. This meeting is held at the Pantlind Hotel, October 5, 6 and 7.

Mrs. Shepard is a director of the Michigan State Tuberculosis Association and is also a delegate from the Gratiot County Good Health Society at the meeting.

Did You Ever Stop to Think?

That the city that gets the publicity gets the business?

That the city that gets the advertising grows?

That advertising a city is a business, not child's play?

That your property will increase in value when the outside world knows that your city is awake?

That people will go miles to get to a good city to trade?

That people from neighboring cities will come where there is something doing?

That the City which does not seek something better than it has now is going to lose out?

That now is the time your city and business needs advertising more than ever before?

That if you don't get out and go after the outside trade some neighboring city will?

That if they do they will get the business you should get?

E. R. Waite, Shawnee, Okla.

PUBLIC NIGHT SCHOOL Study Shorthand and Bookkeeping at Night.

A public night school will be organized in Room 10 of the High School Building, Monday evening, October 2nd, at 7 o'clock.

The following courses will be offered: A Stenographic Course, consisting of Gregg Shorthand, Touch Typewriting, and Business English. A Bookkeeping Course consisting of Bookkeeping, Business Arithmetic and Business Law.

Classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30. Tuition, \$4.00 per month, payable in advance.

Students attending classes regularly can complete either the Bookkeeping or Stenographic Course during the present School Year.—71-2wc

Sell it—A classified ad in The Record will find the buyer.—advertisement.

USE THE OLD S. MARSHALL'S CATARRH Snuff
30¢ at all Druggists, or sent prepaid by WILLIAMS PPG CO. CLEVELAND, O.
Winslow Bros. Drug Store

DODGE BROTHERS BUSINESS SEDAN

With this car, Dodge Brothers have literally created a new type of sedan.

They have combined open car ruggedness with closed car protection and smartness.

They have demonstrated, once for all, that a sedan can be as practical and almost as inexpensive as an open touring car.

The body is built of hand-welded steel because steel is sturdy, and will take a permanent, oven-baked finish, eliminating forever the cost of repainting.

The seats are upholstered in attractive, genuine Spanish blue leather, because leather will wash and wear.

To further enlarge the car's usefulness, the rear seat, back and side cushions, seat frame and foot rest are quickly removable, giving sixty-four cubic feet of flat loading space in the rear compartment. The manifold uses made possible by this unique feature are readily imagined.

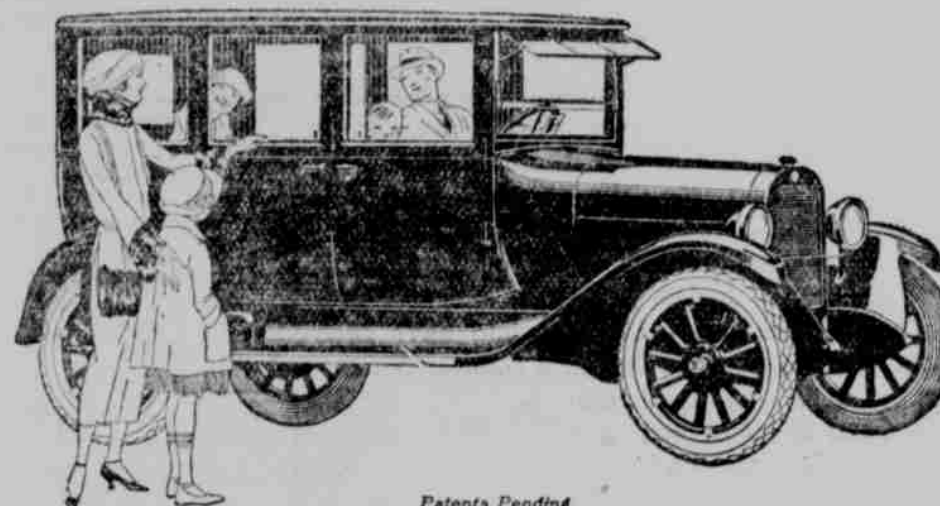
The top and rear quarters are of non-rumble, fabric construction, conforming with the present attractive vogue. From cord tires to curtain cords, the fittings, inside and out, are distinctive and complete.

In fact, every detail of the car emphasizes its striking adaptability to business as well as social use.

JONH E. HALL

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST LOVE-DRAMA!

The picture New York went wild over; the screen masterpiece the whole world is anxious to see. The most gorgeous settings ever seen, the most spectacular thrills—and through all the magnificence a flaming, appealing love story. With a sensational new beauty as the heroine.



One of the Famous 41 Paramount Pictures

Certificates Are Proving Popular

"The increased price of Treasury Savings Certificates just announced by the Treasury Department means that these government savings securities have proved attractive to investors," said Low Wallace, Jr., Director of the U. S. Government Savings System. "The interest return on government securities has been gradually declining for the last two years as we recede from the World War and business returns toward normal conditions. Two years ago the Treasury was paying 6 per cent on short-term Treasury certificates, and only a year ago it was paying 5 1/2 per cent on three-year Treasury notes. Treasury certificates now are being sold at 3 1/2 and 3 3/4 per cent, and the last issue of Treasury notes bore 4 1/4 per cent. Treasury Savings Certificates at the new prices, to yield 4 per cent compounded semi-annually, if held to maturity, are, therefore, in line with the rates on outstanding securities, and being constantly on sale, in convenient denominations, are particularly attractive to small investors. Treasury Savings Certificates are exempt from State and local taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) and from the normal Federal income tax. They are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1000, at prices which, October 1, became \$20.50, \$82 and \$820, respectively. If redeemed before maturity the yield is about 3 per cent simple interest. From the very beginning Treasury Savings Certificates have proved popular, and sales have steadily increased as the people have come to understand their attractive features.

Record wants ads., bring results.

DEWITT VOUGHT THE NOMINEE OF DEMOCRATS

DeWitt Vought of this city is the nominee of the Democrats of the Eighth Congressional district as their candidate for congress at the election to be held on November 7, and has been so certified. Through a misunderstanding it happened that not a sufficient number of petitions for Vought were filed to get his name on the primary ballot. The Alma man then decided to run on slips at the primary, needing five per cent of the vote cast by his party to secure the nomination. He received a sufficient number of the votes that were cast, a large number of Democrats using the slips that were provided in several of the larger cities of the district, as well as in some of the smaller Gratiot communities.